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TWO KC MEN INDICTED IN CRACK COCAINE CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced two Kansas City, Mo., men were indicted by a federal grand jury today in a crack cocaine conspiracy.

Chatha M. Tatum, 25, and **Charles E. Winston**, 18, both of Kansas City, were charged in a four-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Tatum** and **Winston** conspired to possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine on Feb. 4, 2004, in Jackson County, Mo.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Tatum** possessed with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine on Feb. 4, 2004.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Tatum** and **Winston** aided and abetted one another in the possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine on Feb. 4, 2004.

Count Four of the federal indictment alleges that **Winston** possessed with intent to distribute 5 grams or more of crack cocaine on Feb. 4, 2004.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney W. Brent Powell. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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